

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A recording media protecting mechanism in which a turn-on and turn-off operating section for a power switch is disposed at a position of locking and unlocking open and close of a cover of a recording media holding section in accordance with turn-on and turn-off of the power switch, such that when the turn-on and turn-off operating section turns on the power switch the turn-on and turn-off operating section also physically locks the cover to prevent opening thereof, and when the turn-on and turn-off operating section turns off the power switch the turn-on and turn-off operating section also unlocks the cover to permit opening thereof.
2. (original): A recording media protecting mechanism claimed in claim 1, wherein the mechanism is for a digital camera and the cover of the recording media holding section is locked during the camera on duty.
3. (currently amended): A recording media protecting mechanism claimed in claim 2, wherein the turn-on and turn-off operating section is a movable grip which serves to turn on the power switch and keeps the cover of the recording media storage section being held not so as not to be opened.

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4. (withdrawn-currently amended): A recording media protecting mechanism claimed in claim 1, wherein the turn-on and turn-off operating section is a swinging switch which locks the cover of the recording media holding section when the switch swings in a ~~in a~~-turning-on direction.

5. (withdrawn): A recording media protecting mechanism claimed in claim 1, wherein the turn-on and turn -off operating section is a sliding switch which locks the cover of the recording media holding section via an inserting pin into a hole and a lift cam.